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Set the stage — make an offer

► 'Jewel' of a theatre up for sale ► Venue ready for theatre troupes, musicians, movies ► Investor will need deep pockets

Six hundred seats. Free parking for 4,800. State-of-the-art acoustics and lighting.

Those are just some of the features Dale Henderson hopes will attract an investor to the London City Music Theatre.

Henderson, a city councillor and president of the theatre at Western Fair District, is looking for a person or group to buy the facility's assets and take over his lease before it expires in October.

"The way it looks I'll never get my money back unless I sell it," Henderson said yesterday. "I knew the risks going in. That's what entrepreneurs do.... From that standpoint, I have no regrets. It's just that it's going to take some deeper pockets, and not-for-profit status, probably, to get grants."

The theatre has been Henderson's labour of love for the past five years. Faced with the possi-

State-of-the-art facility

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bility of the former IMAX theatre being razed in 2006, Henderson leased the space from Western Fair District and poured \$1.5 million into the venue, including building a stage, dressing rooms and doubling the number of seats. It reopened as the Music Theatre in 2008.

Since then, the theatre has played host to everything from top-notch musical acts — such as Saturday's performance by jazz vibraphonist Peter Appleby — to Sunday morning church services.

Henderson started considering his options with the theatre earlier

this year after receiving an unsolicited bid — \$3.7 million — from a Toronto firm. That deal has fallen through, Henderson said.

"At the end of the day, time was ticking, and they just didn't have the business plan and the money."

If Henderson doesn't find an investor, he will likely begin selling the theatre's assets, which he said could cost up to \$2 million to replace. From there, Western Fair District officials would have to decide what to do with the space.

Henderson worries that means it could be back on the demolition block. Ultimately, he would like the theatre to become London's key performance venue.

"The vision is there. Everyone who's been on stage is just wowed at how beautiful it is," Henderson said. "I think it's still an asset that could be moved ahead under the right umbrella." ● ANGELA MULLINS



► London City Music Theatre president Dale Henderson, seen outside the theatre yesterday, is looking for an investor to buy the venue's assets and take over his lease, which expires in October.

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Agricultural. Fair



► Samantha Van Brug, a historical interpreter at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, teaches Kiran Sharma, centre, of London how to grind wheat yesterday during the Fanshawe Agricultural Fair. Kiran was taking in a bit of the pioneer lifestyle with his sister Jaya, father, Sandeep, and mother, Laurie.

ANGELA MULLINS/FOR METRO

Learning the pioneer lifestyle

The fair featured everything from square dancing to threshing demonstrations. A \$1.25-million donation was announced Saturday for construction of the Spriet Family Visitor Centre, expected to open at the village next year. The city of London and the Ontario Trillium Foundation each donated \$500,000 to the cause. The Spriet family donated \$250,000.

Pawlooza draws record crowd

- Third festival for dogs nearly doubles last year's 12,000 attendees
- More than 50 rescue groups were on hand for event



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The threat of storms wasn't enough to scare diehard dog lovers away from Pawlooza.

In fact, attendance at London's festival for dogs set a new record Saturday: 20,000 people and upwards of 6,000 dogs.

"(That's) about 5,000

more people than we had thought we would get," festival director Craig Huffman said yesterday. "All of our parking was full."

It could take several weeks to tally how much was raised, Huffman said.

Proceeds from the event, which was at the Plunkett Estate near Byron, are split equally between the Animal Rescue Foundation Ontario and LEADS

Employment Services, which helps people with disabilities improve their skills and find jobs.

While the rain held off until volunteers and vendors were packing up for the day, a 6 p.m. downpour caused one person to drive into a stream at the estate. The vehicle was pulled from the water, and no injuries were reported, Huffman said.

\$45K Amount raised at last year's Pawlooza. Based on this year's attendance, organizers say that total will easily be surpassed.

Strong wind that accompanied the storm also sent some Pawlooza tents flying through the air. There was minimal damage, Huffman said.

London leaders get face time at conference

Big names are in the city this week for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference.

Among them are Premier Dalton McGuinty, Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak and more provincial cabinet ministers than anyone dare shake a stick at.

For London leaders, that means plenty of opportunities for face time with people pulling the strings at Queen's Park.

"We're looking forward to moving the yardstick on a number of different things," said Grant Hopcroft, the city's director of intergovernmental and community liaison.

With 2,500 participants, Hopcroft estimates the conference will give the city's economy a \$3.2-million shot in the arm. Everything from restaurants to local suppliers will feel a bit of the impact, he said.

ANGELA MULLINS

Man charged in Friday's murder

A second-degree murder charge has been laid in connection with the death of a 31-year-old man last Friday in east London. Vuong Van Tran, 27, was charged in the death of Duy Nguyen. London Police Const. Dennis Rivest wouldn't comment on whether the suspect and the victim knew each other. AM980/AM980.CA

News in brief

Top ballpark?

Don't forget to vote for our own Labatt Park in Canada's Favourite Ballpark contest on Baseball Canada's website (baseball.ca). Labatt Park is pitted against Stade Fernand-Bédard from Trois-Rivières, Qué. in the semifinal. The winner then faces Port

Arthur Stadium in Thunder Bay. The polls remain open until tomorrow at 10 a.m. METRO

College staff could walk out

Support staff at Ontario's 24 colleges will be in a legal position to walk off the job on Sept. 1. More than 8,000 workers, represented by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, have been in contract talks since

June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two men with mohawks sought

Police are looking for two suspects with mohawk haircuts after a pair of robberies on Saturday morning. The first happened around 11:30 a.m. at Dundas and Richmond streets. Police say a victim was approached by a man to buy drugs, but when the victim declined, the suspect

punched him. The suspect then took the money he was holding and ran. Minutes later, a suspect entered a convenience store on Richmond and York streets. Police say the suspect stole several cans of pop and then assaulted a victim. AM980/AM980.CA

Witness helps recover bike

A boy recovered his bicycle, thanks to a heads-up

Londoner. A 15-year-old student parked his bike at a gym in London's northeast on Thursday afternoon. Police said a 34-year-old male cut the lock off of the bike and fled.

After police arrived, a witness provided information about the suspect. Soon after, an officer spotted the bike around Dundas and Adelaide streets as the accused was selling it to another person.

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Tornado kills one in Goderich

TWITTER.COM: @RACHFEE

► Police block traffic from entering downtown core ► Widespread damage, multiple injuries reported

A powerful tornado that swept through the southwestern Ontario town of Goderich yesterday killed one person and caused severe devastation in the picturesque community.

Downtown businesses, century-old buildings and several churches lost their roofs and upper floors as the twister ripped through Goderich.

Images show downed power lines, trees and debris strewn across streets, while witnesses described cars being picked up and thrown like toys.

Police identified the victim as Norman Laberge, 61, of Lucknow, Ont., who was working in a salt mine in Goderich when the storm hit.

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Twitter reacts

► @katcall42 Unbelievably thankful my grandma's safe, but still... so many beautiful historic buildings in ruins, trees down. Sad day for #Goderich.

► @Bearzca The trees on the square are pretty much all gone. #Goderich #onstorm

► @CloserToTheArch You look at life a little differently after being in Goderich 30 mins before this happened... Hope everyone is alright.

► @scottdeveau This is unbelievable. My hometown has been leveled.



► Residents walk along East Street in Goderich following yesterday afternoon's storm.

First Air: Cause of crash unknown

The owner of a jet that crashed into a hillside near the remote High Arctic community of Resolute said yesterday it doesn't know why the 737 went down, killing 12 and injuring three.

"At this time, the cause of the accident is unknown," said First Air spokesman Christopher Ferris, his voice near breaking.

"Our thoughts and focus are with the families

and friends of the passengers and crew and the community."

Hamlet residents and soldiers from nearby military exercises rushed to the scene of the crash Saturday afternoon in a desperate effort to pull survivors from the flaming wreckage.

Witnesses described how wreckage was strewn across a hill near the airport runway.

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► Members of the Canadian Armed Forces carry a victim of a plane crash in Resolute Bay, Nunavut, on Saturday.

Stealth snowmobile planned

The Department of National Defence plans to develop a new stealth snowmobile for covert military operations in Canada's Arctic, with \$550,000 set aside to build a prototype.

Ottawa has posted a public tender for a hybrid-electric snowmobile that would allow

Canadian Forces soldiers to swoop silently across the frozen landscape.

The vehicle would perhaps be the most unconventional tool in the arsenal of a Conservative government promising to beef up Canada's military might in the North.

A government spokeswoman could not provide information as to why the military would need snowmobiles for clandestine operations.

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Gadhafi forces collapse

► After six months of civil-war deadlock, rebels advanced more than 20 miles to Tripoli ► Attacks were launched in co-ordination with NATO

Battle Briefing

- **Uprising against Gadhafi** broke out in mid-February, and anti-regime protests quickly spread across the vast desert nation.
- **Brutal regime crackdown** transformed the protests into an armed rebellion.
- **Rebels seized Libya's east**, setting up an internationally recognized government, and two pockets in the west, the port city of Misrata and the Nafusa mountain range.
- **Green Square has been** the site of night rallies by Gadhafi supporters.
- **From the beginning of** August, thousands of rebel fighters joined an offensive launched from the mountains towards the coast.

Libyan rebels raced into Tripoli in a lightning advance yesterday that met little resistance as Moammar Gadhafi's defenders melted away and his 40-year rule appeared to rapidly crumble. The euphoric fighters celebrated with Tripoli residents.

Opposition fighters captured Gadhafi's son and one-time heir apparent, Seif al-Islam. The prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands

said he would contact the rebels to discuss his handover for trial on charges of crimes against humanity.

The rebels easily advanced from the west, took town after town, overwhelmed a major military base, then swept into the capital in a stunning turning of the tide.

The fighters and supportive residents flooded Green Square, shooting in the air in celebration, clapping and waving the rebels'

tri-colour flag. Some set fire to the green flag of Gadhafi's regime and shot holes in a poster with his image.

Gadhafi's whereabouts yesterday were unknown. But he delivered a series of angry and defiant audio messages broadcast on state television, calling on his supporters to march in the streets of the capital and "purify it" from "the rats." He was not shown in the messages.

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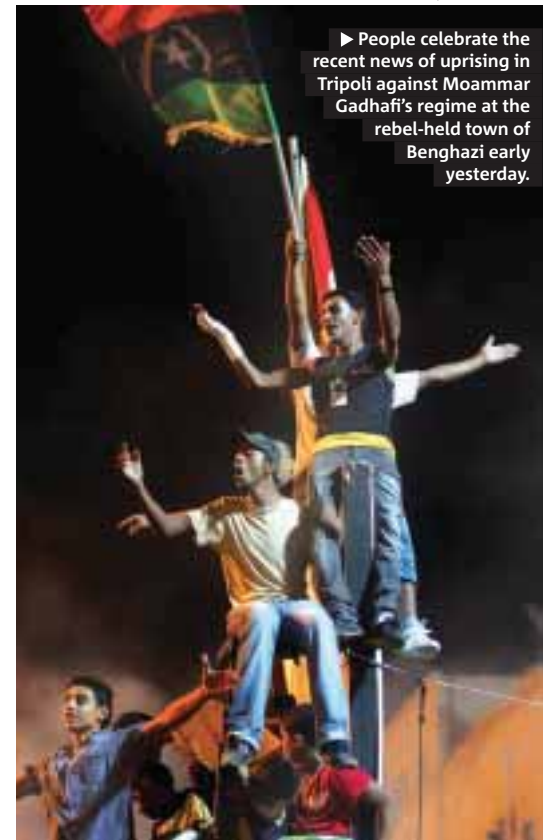
Ruler's reign never failed to fascinate

Moammar Gadhafi is the Arab world's longest-ruling, most erratic, fascinating leader — presiding for 42 years over this North African desert republic with vast oil reserves and just six million people.

He was an international pariah blamed for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland, which killed 270 people. After years of denial, Libya acknowledged responsibility and agreed to pay up to \$10 mil-

lion to victims' relatives.

That eased him back into the international community. But, in February, Gadhafi gave a televised speech that fueled the armed rebellion against him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► People celebrate the recent news of uprising in Tripoli against Moammar Gadhafi's regime at the rebel-held town of Benghazi early yesterday.

ALEXANDRE MENEGHINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ceasefire threatened by recent violence

Gaza militants agreed to a ceasefire with Israel to stop spiking violence, a Hamas official said yesterday, after a deadly attack on Israelis near the Egypt-Israel border set off a three-day round of Israeli airstrikes and rocket barrages from Gaza.

The flareup also threatened Israel-Egypt relations, after Egypt said five of its policemen were killed by Israeli fire. Thousands demonstrated in Cairo, and Israel apologized.

Hamas security personnel will enforce the agreement brokered by Egypt, an official said. He said Egypt told the groups that Israel would agree to halt its



► An Egyptian girl flashes a sole of her shoe painted with an Israeli flag during a protest in front of the Israeli embassy in Cairo yesterday.

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airstrikes only if the Palestinians stopped the rocket fire first. A spokesman for Israel's government would

not comment, and it was not clear if the ceasefire would take effect or hold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protests fall to back burner

A deadly ambush that killed eight Israelis, and Israeli airstrikes and rocket barrages from Gaza, have abruptly shifted the country's attention away

from the economic protests that were coalescing into a serious threat to the government. With cities in southern Israel under fire, organizers called off plans Saturday for a mass protest.

Stav Shaffir, a protest movement leader, insisted the attacks would not derail the protests. "We have

"The rockets are a short-term danger ... disintegration of society is a long-term threat."

STAV SHAFFIR, A PROTEST LEADER

to keep going. We can't let the security situation erode us from within."

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Police arrest dozens of pipeline protesters

► Activists say pipeline is disaster waiting to happen

A Canadian woman was among as many as 50 environmental activists handcuffed and taken to jail yesterday on the second day of peaceful White House protests against TransCanada's controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

Dozens were already arrested outside the White House on Saturday, the opening day of a two-week civil-disobedience campaign. They're expected to be released tonight.

By noon yesterday, police began arresting more demonstrators, including Patricia Warwick, 68, of Toronto and a 65-year-old woman from Massachusetts, who was celebrating her birthday.

The activists are facing charges of failing to obey an order governing protests on the sidewalk, said an of-

ficial with the U.S. Park Police.

Officials for Tars Sands Action, the group that has organized the two-week campaign, say police originally assured them protesters would be released after being warned. Instead, they have been charged and held in jail for two nights.

U.S. President Barack Obama will decide by the end of the year whether to allow Calgary-based TransCanada to build the con-

troversial, \$7 billion US pipeline. It would transport millions of barrels of Alberta oilsands crude a week through the U.S. heartland and to Gulf Coast refineries.

Opponents say Keystone is a dangerous proposition, pointing to a number of recent spills along pipelines, and oppose Alberta's oilsands due to their high greenhouse gas emissions. Advocates say the pipeline will create thousands of U.S. jobs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Abdicating. King



► Burger King CEO John W. Chidsey, background centre, watches as The King, the chain's mascot, arrives at the New York Stock Exchange in 2006.

RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Burger mascot to hang up crown

Burger King's soon-to-be-retired mascot has been around for years, but recently has become a more prevalent and somewhat creepy presence in ads. The fast food company, which has suffered declining sales, is rolling out a new advertising campaign, sans The King, that will focus on its burgers.

Volkswagen gives small car thumbs 'up!'

Volkswagen AG is launch-

ing a new small car — the up! — in Europe in December.

The automaker says the up! — which will come in three versions — will be

“one of the smallest four-seat cars,” at 3.5-metres long. It will be powered by a one-litre gas engine, with a natural gas version to follow. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Grandpa clearly saw the benefit.



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John Mencil is getting Loopy — literally. He's undertaking a nearly yearlong trek around the Great Loop.

Taking off from his home harbour of Bayfield, Ont., last week, this Londoner will be journeying with his son James, 22, on a 36-foot Hatteras, powered by twin Caterpillar diesels.

At 58 and retired from his position as a vice-president at the Bank of Montreal, Mencil is ready for adventure, and is still young enough to make it happen. "I've loved water all my life and been a sailor since high school. I've always loved adventure stories and have a great sense of adventure," says Mencil. He's been planning the trip for over five years, with a good deal of that time taken up with finding the right boat.

"At 58 and retired from his position as a vice-president at the Bank of Montreal, Mencil is ready for adventure, and still young enough to make it happen."

Mencil usually favours sailboats and has covered some of the Great Lakes and the North Channel on his 31-foot Niagara.

Since navigating the Great Loop involves cruising on rivers and under bridges, Mencil decided a powerboat was the way to go. Mencil is heading toward the North Channel, will go through U.S. Customs in Michigan, and travel through Lake Michigan to Chicago —

hopefully by Labour Day. He'll then cruise down the Mississippi River to the Ohio River to the Tennessee River, through Kentucky to Alabama.

There he'll attend a convention with up to 100 other "Loopers" to look at charts and plot strategy. "There and at the marinas you look for other boats with the Loop flag. It's a great way to meet people who are on the same journey as you," says Mencil. After hurricane season ends in early December, Mencil will enter the Gulf of Mexico and cruise down to the Florida Keys. He'll winter there and possibly in the Bahamas, heading north up the Intercoastal Waterway in late March or early April. Then it's on to New York City, taking the Hudson River to the New York canal system, then back to Lake Erie and home from there. Mencil plans to be back in Bayfield by early to mid summer 2012. A list of friends have already signed up to keep him company on the homeward trip.

Worries? Not many, he says. Navigating rivers can be tricky; weather is always a concern. He's not concerned about much else. "Along the rivers, communities are 30 to 50 miles apart and they are very accommodating to boaters," he says. Being away from his wife, Wendy, will be the hardest part, but the couple plans to make good use of technology to keep in touch. She'll join him from time to time during the journey.

Mencil figures the venture will cost him around \$30,000, the largest part of that for fuel.

The man who longed to live the life of Robinson Crusoe thinks that it's a cost well worth the adventure of a lifetime. His boat's name sums it up: At Last.

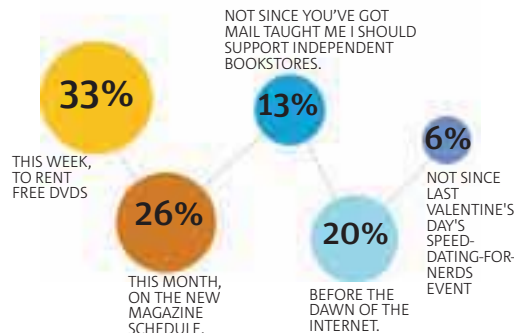
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When was the last time you visited a library?



Letters

HUDAK. I was outraged and embarrassed when the talk of the day for the provincial election was whether one of the candidates had used marijuana in his childhood.

I was hoping none of the world media would catch this useless conversation, which shows how pathetic our political status has become. Who will benefit from this kind of useless information? Are we going next to question the candidates whether they have ever urinated on themselves?

This shows how pathetic we have become. It is sad to hear this kind of conversation in an election at a time when we have so many issues to tackle in our country or in our global village. There are outstanding issues that deserve our attention, whether it is the ailing health-care system, famine in Africa and elsewhere, political unrest, the mass killings that are happening in the Middle East and many other things.

If the world community watches this, they will see us as pathetic humans who have lost their sense of direction.

ABUBAKAR N. KASIM
TORONTO

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Rebel-lious festivalgoers hit look-alike

A British comedian says he was attacked with a bottle at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival while dressed as Moammar Gadhafi.

Jeff Mirza was handing out flyers on the street for his show, dressed as the embattled Libyan leader,

when a man approached and asked for a cigarette. Mirza said he shook his head and the man walked on, but when Mirza turned around he was hit on the back of the head with a bottle. He was not seriously hurt.

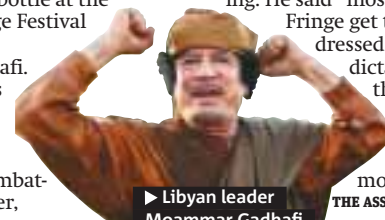
Mirza is at the annual festival with his show Jihad: Heresy or Hearsay.

The comedian said yesterday that most festivalgoers had been welcoming. He said "most people at the

Fringe get the joke of me being dressed up as a washed-up dictator trying to sell the show."

Police say they do not believe the attack was racially motivated.

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► Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi
PIER PAOLO CITTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

His grotesque love affair

► Hard work and horror drive Guillermo del Toro ► Filmmaker seeks the extraordinary in the ordinary



► Film writer and producer Guillermo del Toro, seen here with *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark* star Bailee Madison, has loved the horror genre since childhood.



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Guillermo del Toro may be the world's cuddliest boogeyman. When I enter the hotel room to interview the forty-seven year old producer of *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*, he stands up and hugs me. Not exactly what you anticipate from the master of horror.

But then again, surprises are his stock in trade. From the eerie Pale Man character in *Pan's Labyrinth* to the deadly mechanical scarab of *Cronos*, he has trained

viewers to expect the unexpected from his films.

A career spent scaring the pants off people has given the director some insight on why we like to be terrified at the movies.

"We try to look for the extraordinary in our ordinary lives," he says. "That's just the normal way we behave as spiritual beings. And horror movies allow us to live extraordinary experiences without having to go through extraordinary risk."

"I have a harder time understanding reality shows than I have a hard time un-

"The scariest thing about these creatures in the movie is that they are intelligent. They strategize. They literally find ways to get the upper hand against the humans"

DEL TORO ON THE MONSTERS IN *DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK*

derstanding genre films. Because genre films give you something you don't get in real life. Reality shows give you people you would normally never talk to in real life. Why are you interested in watching them?"

Not that the self-described workaholic has much time to watch reality TV. When he's not execu-

tive producing Oscar nominated movies like *Biutiful* he's writing the much anticipated *Lord of the Rings* film *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, or working on a new novel with his co-writer Chuck Hogan. Add to that the alien attack movie *Pacific Rim* which he'll spend the next year filming in Toronto and you have

one of the busiest men in the business.

"Hard work is pleasure for me," he says, adding that luckily, "I have been surrounded by a system of enabling family and I submerge myself in my work."

A horror fan since childhood, ("I read *Salem's Lot* in one sitting," he says. "Eleven hours from eight a.m. to seven p.m. outside in the pool. I had a second degree burn because of that!"), he has simple criteria for the projects he accepts.

"You should only get involved in things you love irrationally," he says.

K'naan visits famine-hit homeland

► Somali-Canadian rapper pledges to donate what he can to help with Somalian crisis

Rapper K'naan on Sunday brought his waving flag back home to Somalia to help people as they struggle with a devastating famine that has killed tens of thousands of children.

The rapper, who left Somalia as a child more than two decades ago to settle in Canada, made a brief visit to Mogadishu. He was mobbed by famine refugees who tried to shake his hand or hug him as he toured Mogadishu's Banadir Hospital and met with malnourished children.

"I came to Somalia to see the situation here and give any donation I have to

the people and anything else available," he said, speaking in Somali. "I will do all I can to help my people in Somalia."

He did not perform his hit song *Wavin' Flag*, which tells of the difficulties he faced growing up in the lawless, impoverished Horn of Africa country. A version of that song was used for a Coca-Cola campaign when South Africa hosted the 2010 World Cup.

The United Nations says more than 3.2 million Somalis need food aid. The United States says 29,000 Somali children under age five have died.

The UN says tens of thousands of people already have died in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti and has warned that the famine hasn't peaked. More than 12 million people in the region need food aid, according to the UN. Somalia has been hit hardest because of a confluence of conflict and climate change.

Decades of violence in Somalia has left population vulnerable to the vagaries of weather changes.

Islamist insurgents are also attempting to overthrow Somalia's weak UN-backed government. The



► K'naan visited Somalia's capital Mogadishu on Sunday.

most dangerous among the groups is the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab, which has barred aid agencies

from operating in the territories it controls in southern Somalia.

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Box office



The *Help* continues to clean up at the box office, taking over the No. 1 spot with \$20.5 million in its second weekend. The drama about Southern black maids had debuted in second-place a week earlier. The *Help* raised its domestic total to \$71.8 million and bumped *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, which slipped to No. 2 with \$16.3 million after two weekends at the top.

A rush of new movies had weak openings: the family sequel *Spy Kids: All the Time in the World* at No. 3 with \$12 million; the action remake *Conan the Barbarian* at No. 4 with \$10 million; the horror remake *Fright Night* at No. 5 with \$8.3 million; and the literary adaptation *One Day* at No. 9 with \$5.1 million..

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Apes' actress, model, Estella Warren, ordered to rehab after pleading guilty in drunk driving case.

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Lilo passed over for movie role as troubled character

► Oh the irony: Film director reluctant to work with Lohan given her negative reputation

It's more work-related bad news for Lindsay Lohan, who reportedly lost out on a role in *Magic Mike*, a film loosely based on Channing Tatum's time as a stripper, according to E! Online.

"The character is trouble with a capital T, which

Lindsay would have been perfect for," a source says.

But director Steven Soderbergh didn't agree, so he cast Riley Keough in the role instead.

"He didn't want to deal with all that. Nobody wanted to go there," the source adds. ● METRO



► Lindsay Lohan

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Jesse James and Kat Von D are giving it another shot



► Jesse James and Kat Von D

Despite calling off their engagement last month, Jesse James and Kat Von D are officially back together, according to *People* magazine.

"Sometimes you are only given one chance in life," James tells the magazine.

"It was up to me to open my eyes and see it.

That girl is my chance. I will never stop fighting and striving to hold on to her. Showing her how special she is, and how much I love her."

It's a bit of good news for tattoo princess Von D, whose TLC reality show, *LA Ink*, was just cancelled.

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Bieber fever alive and well

When 11-year-old Caroline Gonzalez was made mayor of Forney, Texas for a day, her first order of business was to give Main Street a new name: Justin Bieber Way.

"I just really like Justin Bieber, and I thought it would be cool if we had a street in our town named after him," Gonzales said of her decision. "I thought it was pretty cool, and if Justin Bieber was actually here, I'd probably faint."

Unfortunately, the new name proved too popular,



► Justin Bieber

as the sign was soon stolen.

"We don't know if it was really a crazed fan who decided they had to have it or what," the town's regular mayor, Darren, Rozzell, says. ● METRO

Marc Anthony may be trying to win back his wife

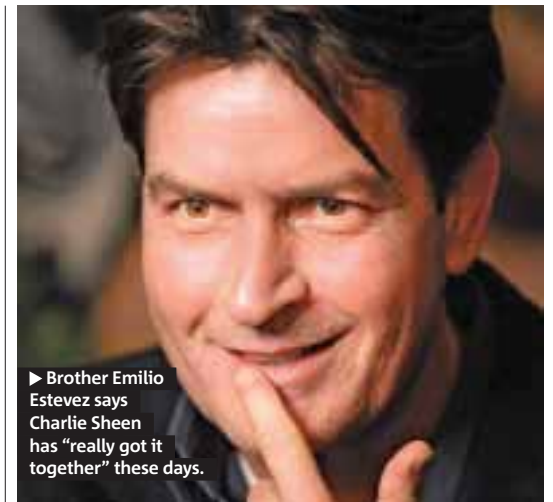
Marc Anthony reportedly hasn't been taking his split from Jennifer Lopez very well, according to *Us Weekly*.

"He calls her nonstop," a source says.

"Marc is constantly harassing her and doesn't think she'll go through with the divorce."

Anthony's reps deny it, adding that the pair are remaining amicable through the process.

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► Brother Emilio Estevez says Charlie Sheen has "really got it together" these days.

Charlie Sheen version 2.0?

Charlie Sheen is ready for his comeback, at least as far as his brother Emilio Estevez is concerned.

"He's a different guy. He's a completely different guy. He's got his voice back. And I think he's got his focus," Estevez tells *Access Hollywood* about

the troubled former *Two and a Half Men* star.

"He's on a new show and he's going to be roasted by Comedy Central — which I think is going to be hysterical. I think that he's really got it together."

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Celebrity tweets



"Hang out with a cat-suited Jane Fonda? Check. #bucketlist"



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@therealzooeyd

"working 16 hour days gives me an amazing excuse to act like an old person. yay."



@pattonoswalt

"Ate 1/2 bag of Veggie Booty 2 hours ago, threw it away in disgust. Dug it out of trash just now. Watching a-ha vids on YouTube. I suck."



@jerryseinfeld

"I am not a vegetarian, by the way, if anyone saw that."

Kristen Stewart not an advocate of marriage

Kristen Stewart doesn't have plans to marry Robert Pattinson anytime soon — or ever, by the sound of it.

"I like the thought of two people staying together for the rest of their lives," she tells *Germany's TVMovie* magazine. "For me, howev-

er, this doesn't need to be sealed with signatures."

But that's not stopping Pattinson from being romantic, as he reportedly purchased a \$40,000 antique gold and platinum locket for Stewart recently with a personalized inscription that reads, "Even if you can't see me, my love for you is always there."

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Tie the knot on a budget

► With Kim Kardashian's wedding nuptials to Kris Humphries rumoured to be in the millions of dollars, we take a look at wedding planning for those of us with thinner wallets

Decades of brides have walked down the aisle sporting something old, something new, something borrowed or something blue. Jessica Kavanagh's clients can also boast something black — the bottom line of their wedding day budget.

Kavanagh, 23, may have had to spend hours walking the bride through second-hand stores in search of the perfect dress and likely devoted days to arranging the nuptial flowers by hand to keep costs down, but believes the time is always well-spent.

Creating a big day on a small budget is a key focus of her Toronto event planning business, J. Kavanagh Events, and weddings are no exception. If anything, Kavanagh says, a marriage celebration represents an ideal time to exercise fiscal restraint. "Yes, this is your wedding and it's so exciting and a big life moment, but this is like the pregame show to the marriage. It's only one day," Kavanagh said. "It's just a celebration, not the be-all-end-all of your life."

The first thing Kavanagh needs to adjust is not the price of the entire event but the expectations of the couple tying the



► Wedding co-ordinator Jessica Kavanagh, right, arranges flowers with her client Alyson MacKenzie. Kavanagh offers wedding planning services for those on a budget.

knot, she said.

She urges couples to look beyond traditional wedding vendors and time-honoured venues, saying conventional thinking can often lead to a dizzying price-tag.

Kavanagh's advice struck a chord with Alison MacKenzie, whose budget for her October wedding threatened to spiral out of control without some timely intervention.

She and her fiancé were willing to shell out for their wedding attire, their rings and an open bar reception, but felt the rest of needed a thriftier touch.

Their decision to serve cocktails and appetizers instead of a sit-down dinner went a long way to keeping costs down, MacKenzie said, adding Kavanagh stepped in with other suggestions.

"Jessica was great about warming me up to the idea of doing our own flowers," she said. "You don't have to spend 50 to 100 bucks for centrepieces. We'll have flowers throughout the venue, but we'll do

"People won't remember you for your wedding, but they probably will remember if you're a great couple."

JESSICA KAVANAGH, WEDDING PLANNER

those ourselves."

MacKenzie's guests will mingle at the reception in the glow of cost-effective candlelight and munch on cupcakes instead of a traditional, pricier wedding cake. They won't leave bearing a conventional wedding favour, but will learn that a donation has been made in their name to a charity that matters to the couple.

MacKenzie said these decisions will allow her and her fiancé to celebrate their big day with a clear conscience. "We didn't want to be saddled with a huge Visa bill or debt at the end of it," she said. "That's a great way to start your marriage. Let's talk about a repayment plan."

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Finding savings can be easy

Cost-cutting opportunities can be found in nearly every aspect of the wedding planning process, experts agree, adding there is one notable exception. Darsi Pizzolato, co-founder of FrugalBride.com, said couples who opt for a traditional marriage ceremony must be prepared to pay for the cost of venues, officiants and musicians. Savings can be found nearly everywhere else, she said, adding the

Internet offers plenty of bargains.

Such strategies find favour beyond the budget-conscious crowd, she said, adding they also resonate with the growing number of couples who wish to lessen the environmental impact of their big day.

Wedding co-ordinator Jessica Kavanagh said sound priorities, savvy choices and attention to detail can result in a fiscally responsible wedding that enriches everyone — except, of course, the budget wedding planner.

"It's not advantageous for me to urge people to cut corners because you get paid a percentage of the total cost, but my philosophy doesn't change whether you have \$10,000 or a million dollars," she said.

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A new study shows



... bed sharing, in which your baby sleeps next to you, doesn't necessarily result in developmental issues, according to a report from the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. Although the American Academy of Pediatrics warns against the practice, the 944 kids — ages one through five — studied by lead researcher R. Gabriela Barajas indicated there was no risk. Parents of newborns, however, are still left with conflicting information from all sides. MWNN



Organic purees for babies: Tasty for little ones, handy for parents.

Trim the fat

Here's some ways to save.

Invites

Digital printing outlets offer a cheaper way to print wedding invites.

Wedding dress

Visit a second-hand store for the dress, says Darsi Pizzolato. "Any item being used on the wedding day is being used for 12 hours. Unless she's doused a bottle of wine on her, the dress is still new."

Accessories

Websites like Esty.com offer brides an affordable place for accessories.

Flowers

Bouquets used for the ceremony can be reused as centrepieces at the reception.

A summertime quiche

► Cheese quiche with onions, red peppers & turkey will be a brunch hit

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► This recipe will serve six.

Using a few pantry staples like cream and eggs, this quiche can be whipped up for a patio brunch and will quickly become a family favourite.

Aged cheddar cheese adds a zip of flavour to turkey while the green onions and roasted red peppers add colour and texture.

Preparation:

- 1 Preheat oven to 190 C (375 F).
- 2 Sprinkle the cheese in the bottom of a pie shell. Add turkey, roasted red pepper and green onions; using fork, toss gently to combine and spread evenly.
- 3 In a medium bowl, whisk together cream and flour. Add eggs and salt and whisk until

everything is well combined. Slowly pour over cheese mixture, using fork to allow cream mixture to fill pie shell evenly. Bake the quiche on bottom rack for about 45 minutes or until top is golden, edges puff and knife inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

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Ingredients:

- 1 unbaked frozen deep-dish pie shell (23 cm/9 inches), thawed
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded 5-year-old cheddar cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced cooked turkey or chicken
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) diced roasted red pepper
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) 10 per cent cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt

Rose Reisman's Swap It

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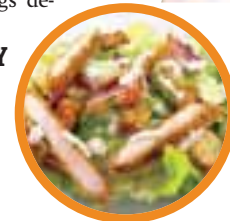
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ADOPTING A RESCUE ANIMAL IS A WONDERFUL THING TO DO, BUT BEFORE YOU START LOOKING, IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK

And that includes finding a reputable shelter to work with.

A good shelter wants to find “forever” homes for its animals and will work hard to match you with the right animal

whether you're looking for a dog, cat or smaller animal.

The last thing a shelter wants to do is see an animal that has been adopted out, returned, says Shelley Hawley-Yan, director of Project Jessie, which is the animal rescue arm of the Animal Alliance of Canada.

Unfortunately there is no national legislation that regulates rescue organizations. In general, you'll find dogs and cats in most shelters and rescue organizations. But some specialize in certain dog breeds while others specialize in more unusual pets, such as rabbits, birds and even turtles.

Here are some characteristics of a reputable shelter.

- It has an adoption process that helps match you and the animal based on the pet's needs and personality. There's



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probably a written application, a phone or in-person interview, and possibly a home visit.

- You'll have to sign a contract, which will stipulate your ownership responsibilities; also if the adoption doesn't work out, the animal will be returned to the shelter, says Hawley-Yan.
- The animals up for adoption may be placed in foster homes. While not all shelters do this, when foster homes are involved there may be a better understanding of the animal's personality (compared to animals that are caged).
- The shelter charges a reasonable adoption fee of between \$100 and \$300 average, says Hawley-Yan.
- Vet assessment and care is provided until the adoption; spaying/neutering is a requirement of the contract.

—Ylva Van Buuren

WHEN YOU ADOPT A PET...

1. It's a huge commitment of up to 20 years (smaller animals like gerbils have a much shorter lifespan).
2. Responsible pet ownership includes training and exercising your pet, licenses, health care — and always picking up after your dog.
3. Spaying and neutering is part of the deal.
4. There are on-going costs — and you're OK with that.
5. The best part — having a pet is unconditional love at its finest!

HAVE PET, WILL TRAVEL

“Lost dogs” — that's the number one problem we see when pets travel with their families, says Dr. Lloyd Keddie, president of the Canadian Veterinarian Medical Association and a vet at the North Peace Animal Hospital in Fairview, Alta.

They're let out for exercise in a strange area such as a campground, motel or airport ... and they get confused and disappear.”

Proper identification is at the top of the must-do list when you travel with pets and Keddie recommends micro-chipping your dog or cat (a common procedure, the vet uses a needle to place a little chip under the animal's skin). “If ID is on the collar only, it may be left behind if the collar comes off. With a microchip, all a vet has to do is scan the lost animal to find out who the owner is.”

He recommends checking in with your vet before your trip. “Tell us where you're going ... and we'll look into whether there are any health concerns you should know about such as Lyme disease or heartworm.” There is medication and care instructions for example, if you are going to areas populated by ticks that carry Lyme disease.

Does your pet even want to travel? While cats generally do not like riding in cars, sometimes a dog will be happier staying home too, says Keddie.

Angela Wu at Pet Friendly Canada (petfriendly.ca), Calgary, says another one of the biggest mistakes pet owners make is not calling ahead to make sure pets are welcome at lodgings. “You should reserve pet-friendly rooms ahead because there may only be a few available.”

Be sure to read the pet policies, says Wu. Typically, accommodations charge \$10 to \$25 per night but price varies.

Some cities in Canada ban certain breeds — be sure to research this too.

Once you are there, Wu says you should never leave pets unattended in the room because some dogs get stressed in unfamiliar places and start barking.

“And don't sneak in your pets — that's a bad idea,” says Wu.

PACKING FIDO'S SUITCASE

- Medication
- Identification (usual tags on collar and microchip; add the phone number of where you're staying)
- Pet information envelope (photo, up-to-date vaccination certificate, phone number of your vet)
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Her 18-month-old daughter was writhing on the

floor in pain and Meredith Deasley was desperate to bring her some relief. "We're going to fix this. I don't know what it is but

we're going to fix this."

Meredith read every book on nutrition she could find.

She learned about food sensitivities and eventually became a registered pediatric nutritionist.

Today her eldest daughter is healthy, her younger daughter is thriving and Deasley says she is determined to show other parents how they can heal their children by watching what they eat.

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Deasley wrote *The Resourceful Mother's Secret to Healthy Kids* in 2002. Her research, teaching and methods have become a turning point not only for her family but others as well.

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Canadian paddles to 2 golds

► Vincent-Lapointe defends title over 200 metres ► Three golds for Canada at world championships

Canada's Laurence Vincent-Lapointe beat a strong field to win the women's C-1 200 metres yesterday, claiming her second gold medal at the world canoe and kayak championships.

The 19-year-old paddler from Trois-Rivieres, Que., crossed in 48.876 seconds to defend her world title in the non-Olympic event. Maria Kazakova of Russia was second, while Staniliya Stamenova of Bulgaria won the bronze.

"I was caught off guard by the fast start by the field and that made me more nervous during the race," Vincent-Lapointe said. "My arms were really burning up as I approached the finish line. This was the strongest field I'd ever faced."

The Canadian's victory came a day after she and Mallorie Nicholson of Oakville, Ont., took gold in the C-2 500-metre final.

The win was Canada's third at the world championships. Adam van Koeverden of Oakville started things off with a victory in the men's K-1 1,000 on Friday.

Mark De Jonge of Halifax earned an Olympic quota spot for Canada with his sixth-place finish in the men's K-1 200 metres.

"It was a very satisfying race," said De Jonge. "I had known since May I was going to race this event at worlds so it was a long build-up practising every day with the objective to get the Olympic spot for Canada. It was a good feel-

"We're always communicating to each other in the boat but this time it was impossible. I couldn't hear myself think, the crowd was so into the race, it was really intimidating."

LAURENCE VINCENT-LAPOINTE, ON SATURDAY'S C-1 500-METRE FINAL

ing to deliver when it was time."

Piotre Siemionowski of Poland won the gold. Britain's Edward McKeever was second, while Germany's Ronald Rauhe was third.

Canada earned three Olympic quota spots at the world championships. The final opportunity to gain spots will be at the Pan American Games in October in Mexico.

"Certainly we had some athletes who were hoping for better results, but we had several boats which were very competitive," said Barney Wainwright, Canada's high-performance director. "We've learned a lot and now we have to turn around focus quickly to the Pan Am Games."

In other non-Olympic events, Mark Oldershaw of Burlington, Ont., was fifth in the C-1 5,000 while Van Koeverden was fifth in the K-1 5,000.

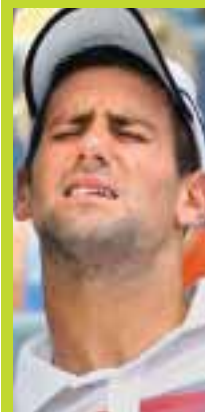
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► Laurence Vincent-Lapointe smiles after winning the women's C1 200 metres C1 final race yesterday at the Canoe Sprint World Championships in Szeged, Hungary.

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"The good thing is there's a week, eight days to the start of the Open. I'm confident I can recover and be ready for the U.S. Open."

NOVAK DJOKOVIC, AFTER HE WAS FORCED TO RETIRE IN THE SECOND SET YESTERDAY AT THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN OPEN BECAUSE OF A SORE RIGHT SHOULDER.

Jays one-hit A's in rookie's pitching debut

Luis Perez pitched brilliantly in his first big-league start, combining with Casey Janssen on a one-hitter, and Jose Bautista connected for his majors-best 36th home run to send the Toronto Blue Jays over the Oakland

Athletics 1-0 yesterday.

Bautista broke up a scoreless game with a deep drive into the left-field bleachers on the 10th pitch he saw from Guillermo Moscoso (6-7) leading off the seventh.

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► Luis Perez

POST-GAME SHOOTING

NFL fan still in hospital

Police interviewed witnesses and looked for suspects yesterday after two men were shot and wounded following a San Francisco 49ers-Oakland Raiders pre-season

game, while the NFL and the mayors of the two cities jointly called for an end to "intimidation" and acts of violence at sporting events.

A 24-year-old man, who reportedly was wearing a "F-- the Niners" T-shirt, remained hospitalized in serious condition yesterday after being shot several times in the stomach.

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Tribe rally falls step short

- Toss out at home ends wild game
- Tigers sweep series, stretch lead

Centre-fielder Austin Jackson threw out Kosuke Fukudome at the plate to complete a game-ending double play and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in a wild game yesterday.

Delmon Young and Victor Martinez homered in a seven-run third inning as the AL Central-leading Tigers completed a three-game sweep of the Indians. The Indians could have taken over first place with a sweep of their own, but leave Detroit trailing by 4 1/2 games in the Central race.

Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his 37th save in as many tries, but it wasn't easy. He walked Fukudome

to start the inning, then hit Jason Donald on an 0-2 pitch. Jack Hannahan bunted the runners over, before pinch-hitter Matt LaPorta lined to centre field and Jackson threw a perfect strike to the plate to get Fukudome by a step.

Cleveland's Ubaldo Jimenez took the loss, giving up eight runs in 3 1/3 innings.

The Tigers appeared to be in complete control after scoring seven runs in the third. Jimenez faced 12 batters in the inning but manager Manny Acta had no one warming up in the pen.

Then Detroit's pitcher Rick Porcello couldn't get out of the fourth.

Carlos Santana started

► Detroit Tigers catcher Alex Avila tags out the Cleveland Indians' Kosuke Fukudome to end the game yesterday.



Cleveland's rally with a one-out homer in the fourth, and after Porcello

retired the next batter, he gave up four straight hits.
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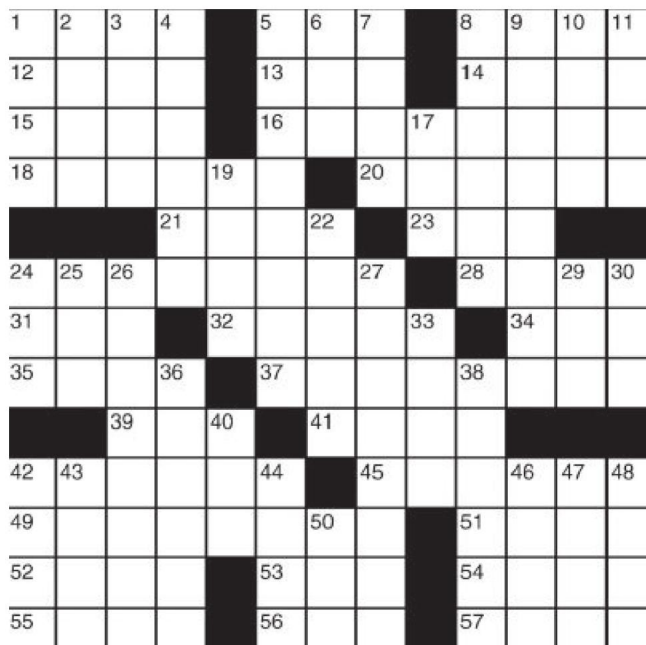
Crossword

Across

- 1 Reason to scratch
5 Droop
8 "Arrivederci, —"
12 "Scat, gnat!"
13 Oklahoma city
14 Dutch cheese
15 Admonition to Nanette
16 Popular board game
18 Cold, treeless terrain
20 Folklore figures
21 Part mine, part yours
23 Consumed
24 Obelisk, e.g.
28 Use a swizzle stick
31 Paid athlete
32 Continental money
34 Historic period
35 Mannered man
37 Pocket embroidery, maybe
39 Scatter seeds
41 Horseback game
42 Headache aid
45 Deodorant type
49 Carbon —
51 Queen of Carthage
52 As well
53 Regret
54 Love child?
55 Encounter
56 — Angeles
57 Quaint "not"

Down

- 1 "— that cute?"
2 Biblical pronoun
3 Mass. neighbor
4 Hex

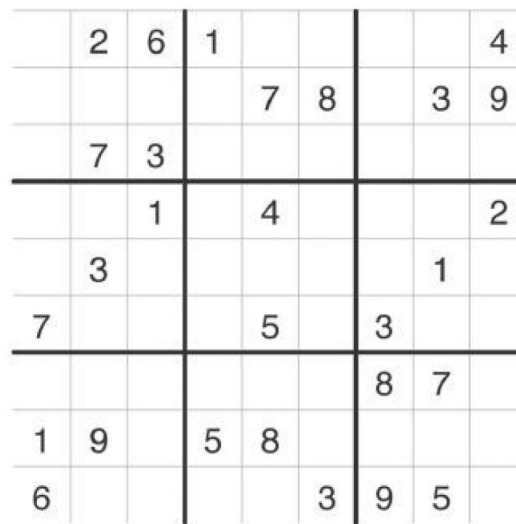


- 5 Metal used in magnets
6 Commotion
7 Group of hoodlums
8 Moves a fern, maybe
9 Device measuring distance traveled
10 Having XY chromosomes
11 Poehler and Adams
17 — shoestring
19 Regulation
22 Razor sharpener
24 Gasoline stat
25 Raw rock
26 Baloney
27 Award winners
29 A Gershwin
30 Aries
33 Unaccompanied
36 Additionally
38 — Gate Bridge
40 Candle material
42 Mosque VIP
43 Composer Porter
44 Young female
46 Old Italian money
47 Smell
48 Inquisitive
50 Pair on stage

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5	2	3	7	1	9	4	6	8
4	8	7	2	3	6	9	5	1
2	6	5	3	9	1	7	8	4
1	3	8	4	2	7	6	9	5
7	9	4	5	6	8	3	1	2
9	7	2	6	8	5	1	4	3
3	5	1	9	4	2	8	7	6
8	4	6	1	7	3	5	2	9

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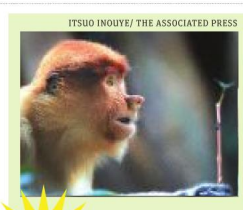
♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 A parting of the ways looks increasingly likely and if you are smart you won't try to stop it.
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♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Most of the time your head rules your heart but today your feelings will be much more intense than usual.
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You will make more sense of your life when the Sun changes signs to-

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♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The Sun moves into your birth sign tomorrow. Is that good news? Too right!
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♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Before you commit yourself to something new make sure you have a get-out clause, because what looks

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♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Your confidence is on the rise
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COLLECTORS BUYING ALL TYPES OF COINS. PAYING CASH.

By **DAVID MORGAN**
STAFF WRITER

ICC will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1968 and U.S. coins made before 1970. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICC members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1968. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1968 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors also known as ICC. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICC member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICC and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all U.S. half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1970 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICC. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICC will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at over \$1,500.00 per ounce near an all time high. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot - It has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently

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